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Man Sentenced to 100 Months for Illegal Re-entry After Removal

TUCSON -The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on September 14, 2005, Carlos Tober Solis a.k.a. Christian Hermosillo, 37, of Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, was sentenced to 100 months in prison, by United States District Judge Frank R. Zapata, in Tucson.

Tober Solis had been found guilty by jury on October 28, 2004 of Illegal Re-Entry After Removal in violation of Title 8, United States Code 1326(b)(2).

On February 27, 2003, Tober Solis illegally re-entered the United States near Douglas, Arizona after having been officially removed from the United States on January 21, 2003, following a three (3) year prison term for Possession of Narcotic Drugs. Tober Solis claimed his real name was Christian Hermosillo and he produced a copy of a birth certificate indicating he was born in Los Angeles, California and therefore was lawfully present in the United States. Days before Trial the real Christian Hermosillo was discovered working in Mesa, Arizona and he had in his possession his original birth certificate. Tober Solis countered this testimony by showing the jury a tatoo of "Los Angeles" on his chest to demonstrate he was born there. Tober Solis on cross examination was asked to show the jury his back and had difficulty explaining to the jury why he had the word "Leon" tatooed on his back in even larger letters.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Border Patrol.

The prosecution was handled by David Petermann and Serra Tsethlikai, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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